

RMD Bulletin

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Medicare Part D Now Covers Barbiturates and Benzodiazepines



Good News!!!

As a result of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), Medicare Part D plans will no longer exclude coverage for certain classes of drugs effective January 1, 2013. Medicare Part D will cover benzodiazepines as well as barbiturates when used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer, or chronic mental disorders.

Coverage among plans will vary, and plans may not cover all drugs within these classes. There may also be restrictions on coverage such as prior authorizations, step therapy, and quantity limits. Work with the client to confirm that their necessary medications are covered and whether any restrictions apply under their Medicare Part D coverage.

Additional information is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/MedPrescriptDrugApplGriev/Exceptions.html> for assistance with non-covered medications.

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